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My dear Colonel Kountz:

Unless our doing so will seriously handicap your compilation of Janis 84, we shall abandon our plan to send you a mimeographed gazetteer of place names in this area.

Our reasons for this decision are several: all sheets of the primary source for names in this area (the new AMS map, 1:250,000) as well as many of the 1:50,000 series are now available to the authors of the study, so that a gazetteer seems less essential than it seemed earlier; the compilation of the gazetteer was delayed by the recent unsettled situation in our office, and by the loan for an interval of one of our key men to work for a Janis contributor outside our office; the workers heretofore engaged on the gazetteer can now be more usefully employed in preparatory work for future Janis reports; and the physical task (typing, etc.) of putting the gazetteer in form for distribution is almost prohibitive, since the list, according to estimate, would run to over 250 pages.

Our file for the proposed gazetteer is in shape for use, and we shall be glad to make it a tool to aid any of your contributors who may find the AMS 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 maps inadequate or who is in need of special research work on place names in his chapter.

After the completion of our place-name editing of Janis 84, we shall, of course, send you an accompanying gazetteer, as for previous studies of this series.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon E. Reckord

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Acting Assistant to the Director.

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Again say this OK.

